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SUBJECT: IMCO: REQUEST OF INTELSAT FOR OBSERVER STATUS
IN IMCO MEETINGS

REF: FRANK-FORD CONVERSATION

SUMMARY: INTELSAT HAS ASKED IMCO SYG FOR PERMISSION SEND
OBSERVER TO IMCO MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY POE MEETING IN
PARIS IN SEPTEMBER. SYG REPLY WILL BE THAT NO AUTHORITY
EXISTS FOR SECRETARIAT TO GRANT OBSERVER STATUS TO
INTELSAT, BUT WILL SUGGEST CONSORTIUM REQUEST MATTER BE
PLACED BEFORE NOVEMBER MEETINGS OF IMCO COUNCIL AND
ASSEMBLY, WHICH HAVE POWER GRANT INTERIM STATUS PENDING
NEGOTIATION OF CONSULTATIVE AGREEMENT. WE SUGGEST THAT
INTELSAT MAY PARTICIPATE INDIRECTLY IN PARIS POE MEETING
BY GETTING STATE MEMBERS OF CONSORTIUM TO PLACE INTELSAT
REPRESENTATIVE ON NATIONAL DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

1. IMCO SECRETARIAT HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN
OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF INTELSAT REQUESTING PERMISSION
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TO ATTEND INFORMALLY AS OBSERVER THE MEETING OF IMCO

PANEL OF EXPERTS ON MARITIME SATELLITES (POE) THAT IS TO BE HELD IN PARIS UNDER FRENCH GOVERNMENT AUSPICES SEPTEMBER 10 TO 14, AND TO ATTEND SUBSEQUENT POE AND RELATED SESSIONS. IMCO INFORMS US THAT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH R.M. BILLINGTON, POE CHAIRMAN, REPLY HAS BEEN DRAFTED RELUCTANTLY INFORMING INTELSAT THAT ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES WILL NOT PERMIT INTELSAT TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF IMCO BODIES ON EITHER INFORMAL OR INTERIM BASIS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN HE WAS APPRISED OF INTELSAT LETTER AND RECEIVED WORD THAT IMCO SECRETARIAT WOULD LEAVE DECISION ON INTELSAT ATTENDANCE UP TO HIM, BILLINGTON THOUGHT LONG AND HARD AND DECIDED THAT DECISION WAS NOT HIS TO MAKE. HE THUS PUT MONKEY BACK ON SHOULDERS OF TECHNICAL MEMBERS OF IMCO SECRETARIAT. THEIR REACTION WAS TO BRING IN THE LAWYERS WHO AFTER CAREFUL RESEARCH INTO PRECEDENTS AND ESTIMATE OF WHAT ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PRECEDENT WOULD DO, ADVISED THAT INTELSAT COULD NOT ATTEND IMCO MEETINGS UNTIL COMPLETION PROCESSING OF FORMAL APPLICATION FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS, OR UNTIL COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY APPROVED INTERIM STATUS. NINE OTHER SPACE-CONNECTED AGENCIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE CLAIMANTS OF SEATS IN POE IF INTELSAT WERE GIVEN INFORMAL OBSERVER STATUS. ALTHOUGH INTELSAT LETTER WAS NOT REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS, IMCO REPLY WILL EXPLAIN HOW APPLICATION FOR SUCH STATUS SHOULD BE MADE, AND WILL SUPPLY COPY OF TYPICAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION CONSULTATIVE STATUS AGREEMENT.

3. APPEARS FROM FOREGOING THAT INTELSAT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN POE PARIS MEETING RECEIVED TOO LATE TO SECURE THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS THE DESIRED OBSERVER STATUS. A POSSIBLE WAY TO ACHIEVE INTELSAT PRESENCE AT PARIS SESSION IS FOR CONSORTIUM MEMBER GOVERNMENT TO ACCREDIT

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INTELSAT REPRESENTATIVE AS MEMBER OF NATIONAL DELEGATION TO POE. THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR T/IS; DR. D. LENNERTZ OF EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION WAS ON FRG DELEGATION TO JANUARY 17, 1972 MEETING OF IMCO SUBCOMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND SPOKE ON BEHALF OF ESRO IN DISCUSSION OF MARITIME SATELLITE AGENDA ITEM.

4. TO ASSURE OBSERVER PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE IMCO MEETINGS, INTELSAT SHOULD RESPOND PROMPTLY TO IMCO LETTER WHICH WILL SUGGEST THAT SECRETARIAT BE AUTHORIZED TO PLACE INTELSAT REQUEST FOR NEGOTIATION OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS ARRANGEMENT BEFORE IMCO COUNCIL WHICH WILL MEET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ON NOVEMBER 12. IF MATTER PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND THIS BODY AGREES THAT IMCO SHOULD ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH INTELSAT, APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION WILL BE MADE TO ASSEMBLY WHICH SCHEDULED MEET NOVEMBER 13. IF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION IS ALSO FOR INTERIM OBSERVER STATUS AND ASSEMBLY APPROVES, INTELSAT COULD SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO DECEMBER 10-14 MEETING OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS, NEXT IMCO SESSION OF DIRECT INTEREST TO CONSORTIUM, AND TO SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF IMCO BODIES, PENDING NEGOTIATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WHICH USUALLY TAKES MORE THAN TWO YEARS. NEXT STEP IS UP TO INTELSAT AND WE BELIEVE THAT IF IT MOVES QUICKLY, IT CAN GET INTERIM APPROVAL, FOLLOWED BY PERMANENT STATUS, TO OBSERVE IMCO MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO IT.

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